

Your writing will have added interest if you try to avoid repeating **bad** too often. The following lists offer some suggestions for synonyms that you might use instead.

a person's character

disagreeable	unpleasant
evil	wicked

bad behaviour

disobedient	mischievous	rude
ill-behaved	naughty	

something, eg fruit or milk, that has gone bad

decayed	putrid	sour
mouldy	rancid	
off	rotten	

feeling bad

annoyed	upset	unwell
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something that has a harmful effect

adverse	dangerous	unhealthy
damaging	harmful	

something that has been done or made badly

defective	inferior	unsatisfactory
faulty	poor	useless
imperfect	substandard	



The following passage shows ways in which you can use other words to avoid repeating **bad**. Try describing things instead of simply saying they were bad.

“

terrible

‘I have had such a ~~bad~~ day,’ moaned Asif. ‘What happened?’

asked Innes. ‘First of all,’ replied Asif, ‘the weather was ~~bad~~ *awful*

and I got soaked on my way to school. Then I got a ~~bad~~ *poor* mark

in French.’ ‘Don’t feel too ~~bad~~ *upset* about that,’ said Innes, ‘at least

you’re not in trouble for being ~~bad~~ *disobedient* in class.’

‘At lunch-time the milk was ~~bad~~ *off*,’ continued Asif, ‘and I

couldn’t drink it because I’m sure it would have been ~~bad~~ *harmful*

to drink. Then I went to the cinema with Hilary but the film was ~~bad~~ *useless*

and we left before it had ended. Now I feel ~~bad~~ *unwell* and I’m

sure I have a cold because of the ~~bad~~ *dreadful* weather this morning. I

hope tomorrow isn’t as ~~bad~~ *unpleasant*!’

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Have you ever had such a terrible day? Describe it, but remember to use as many different substitutes for **bad** as you can.